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RE: Application Serial No.: 10/072,998

Applicants: Sachiko NISHIKINO, et al.

Filing Date: February 12, 2002

For: DRIVE UNIT, METHOD OF PRODUCING DRIVE
UNIT, RUNNING BODY MOVING UNIT, IMAGE
READING APPARATUS, AND IMAGING
APPARATUS

Group Art Unit: 2852

Examiner: Laura K. Roth

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Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

Comments on Reasons for Allowance

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COMMENTS ON REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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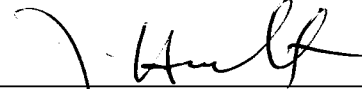
In response to the Notice of Allowance dated July 3, 2007, Applicants note that a review of the Reasons for Allowance with respect to Claim 38 has indicated that the language quoted from such claim is inaccurate. More particularly, for consistency with the reasons for allowance with regard to the other pending claims, Applicant's submit that the correct wording with respect to claim limitations the prior art does not disclose or suggest for Claim 38 should instead indicate that such does not disclose or suggest "a fixing member to secure said attachment member to said drive shaft... at least one of the attachment holes is formed so as to have an elongation so that a position at which a corresponding one of the drive pulleys is attached to the drive shaft is adjustable". The need for this correction was acknowledged by the Examiner in a discussion held August 28, 2007 and the Examiner suggested that these Comments on Reasons for Allowance be submitted rather than the

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Examiner issuing a Supplemental Notice of Allowance. It is therefore submitted that these comments be made of record to correct the record with respect to the error made by the Examiner.

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